

An Addition to HEPPNER, Ecological Notes on Brachodidae of Eastern Europe

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HEPPNER recently published in this journal an interesting paper on the ecology of Brachodidae in Eastern Europe (1983, *Nota lepid.* 6 : 99-100) in which he summarized, in the absence of personal observations, those of early authors and present-day eastern European lepidopterists (notably GOZMÁNY). It is worth bringing to your readers' attention a paper by GARTNER (1864, *Stettin. ent. Ztg* 25 : 155-158) that was apparently overlooked by HEPPNER. GARTNER was the only lepidopterist ever to have studied the early stages of a European *Brachodes* species, in this case *Brachodes appendiculata* (ESPER), and published his findings. He recorded in great detail his efforts in establishing the host-plant of the larva and gave remarkably good descriptions of the larva, pupa and various aspects of the biology. All subsequent publications are directly or indirectly based on these observations. HEINEMANN (1870 : 7) referred to GARTNER ; however, most later authors have probably copied directly from HEINEMANN, and HEPPNER erroneously assumed that all published records 'appear to refer back to the original presumed rearing of HEINEMANN (1870)'. GARTNER's observations were made in the vicinity of Brno (ČSR).

For cited literature see HEPPNER (l.c.).